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To amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act to improve the safety of meat and poultry products by enhancing the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture to retrieve the history, use, and location of a meat or poultry product through a recordkeeping and audit system or registered identification, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DEGETTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Meat and Poultry
5 Products Traceability and Safety Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY.**

2 (a) LIVESTOCK.—Title I of the Federal Meat Inspec-
3 tion Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding
4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 25. TRACEABILITY OF LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT**
6 **PRODUCTS.**

7 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-
8 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve
9 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-
10 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

11 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Cattle, sheep, swine, goats,
13 and horses, mules, and other equines presented for
14 slaughter for human food purposes, and the car-
15 casses or parts of carcasses and the meat and meat
16 food products of those animals, shipped in interstate
17 commerce shall be identified in a manner that en-
18 ables the Secretary to trace—

19 “(A) each animal to any premises or other
20 location at which the animal was held at any
21 time before slaughter; and

22 “(B) each carcass or part of a carcass and
23 meat and meat food product of such animals
24 forward from slaughter through processing and
25 distribution to the ultimate consumer.

1 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary
2 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of
3 production, processing, and distribution of meat and
4 meat food products that are produced through the
5 slaughter of animals described in paragraph (1).

6 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—
7 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any
8 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any
9 cattle, sheep, swine, goats, or horses, mules, or other
10 equines not identified as prescribed by the Secretary under
11 subsection (b).

12 “(d) RECORDS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
14 that each person, firm, and corporation required to
15 identify livestock pursuant to subsection (b) main-
16 tain accurate records, as prescribed by the Sec-
17 retary, regarding the purchase, sale, and identifica-
18 tion of the livestock.

19 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-
20 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-
21 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-
22 ative of the Secretary, allow the representative to ac-
23 cess to each place of business of the person, firm, or
24 corporation to examine and copy the records de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1).

1 “(3) DURATION.—Each person, firm, and cor-
2 poration described in paragraph (1) shall maintain
3 records required to be maintained under this sub-
4 section for such period of time as the Secretary pre-
5 scribes.

6 “(e) FALSE INFORMATION.—No person, firm, or cor-
7 poration shall falsify or misrepresent to any other person,
8 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information
9 as to any premises at which any cattle, sheep, swine,
10 goats, horses, mules, or other equines, or carcasses there-
11 of, were held.

12 “(f) ALTERATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS.—
13 No person, firm, or corporation shall, without authoriza-
14 tion from the Secretary, alter, detach, or destroy any
15 records or other means of identification prescribed by the
16 Secretary for use in determining the premises at which
17 were held any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules,
18 or other equines, or the carcasses thereof.

19 “(g) RELATION TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-
20 ING.—Nothing contained in this section prevents or inter-
21 feres with implementation of the country of origin labeling
22 requirements of subtitle D of the Agricultural Marketing
23 Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1638 et seq.).”.

1 (b) POULTRY.—The Poultry Products Inspection Act
2 is amended by inserting after section 23 (21 U.S.C. 467e)
3 the following:

4 **“SEC. 23A. TRACEABILITY OF POULTRY AND POULTRY**
5 **PRODUCTS.**

6 “(a) DEFINITION OF TRACEABILITY.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term ‘traceability’ means the ability to retrieve
8 the history, use, and location of an article through a rec-
9 ordkeeping and audit system or registered identification.

10 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Poultry presented for
12 slaughter for human food purposes and poultry
13 products shipped in interstate commerce shall be
14 identified in a manner that enables the Secretary to
15 trace—

16 “(A) each animal to any premises or other
17 location at which the animal was held at any
18 time before slaughter; and

19 “(B) each poultry product forward from
20 slaughter through processing and distribution
21 to the ultimate consumer.

22 “(2) TRACEABILITY SYSTEM.—The Secretary
23 shall establish a traceability system for all stages of
24 production, processing, and distribution of poultry

1 and poultry food products that are produced through
2 the slaughter of animals described in paragraph (1).

3 “(c) PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION ON ENTRY.—

4 The Secretary may prohibit or restrict entry into any
5 slaughtering establishment inspected under this Act of any
6 poultry not identified as prescribed by the Secretary.

7 “(d) RECORDS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require
9 that each person, firm, and corporation required to
10 identify poultry pursuant to subsection (b) maintain
11 accurate records, as prescribed by the Secretary, re-
12 garding the purchase, sale, and identification of the
13 poultry.

14 “(2) ACCESS.—Each person, firm, and corpora-
15 tion described in paragraph (1) shall, at all reason-
16 able times, on notice by a duly authorized represent-
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3 firm, or corporation, or to the Secretary, any information
4 as to any premises at which any poultry, or carcasses
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